

In the Specification:

Please substitute both the attached paper form and computer readable form Sequence Listing for those previously filed. A Statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 is also attached hereto.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 40 as follows:

--40. (Amended) An immunogenic polypeptide comprising at least one [an] amino acid sequence motif[,]

M1  
Xaa-Thr-Xaa-Val-Thr-Gly-Gly-Xaa-Ala-Ala-Arg-Thr-Thr-Xaa-Gly-Xaa-Xaa-Ser-Leu-Phe-Xaa-Xaa-Gly-Xaa-Ser-Gln-Xaa-Ile-Gln-Leu-Ile (SEQ ID NO: 8),

wherein the [amino acid sequence motif is the only] immunogenic polypeptide does not contain any other sequences corresponding to a hypervariable domain of hepatitis C virus--

Please add new claim 54 as follows:

Sub N4  
m2  
--54. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 40, wherein  
Xaa at position 1 is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Ala, Ser, Glu, Gln, Gly, His, Thr, Asp, Arg, Lys, Asn, and Val;

Xaa at position 3 is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Gln, Arg, His, Thr, Asn, Ile, Leu, and Ser;